

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1           1. A method for preparation of an RF device for distribution, comprising:  
2           providing an ID label for use in delivery of each RF device;  
3           receiving an identification code emitted from the RF device;  
4           reading the ID label; and

5           comparing information associated with the identification code with  
6 information associated with the ID label.

1           2. The method of claim 1, wherein the ID label is a mailing label.

1           3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2           verifying that the identification code emitted from the RF device corresponds  
3 to an address that matches a delivery address on the ID label.

1           4. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2           inserting each of the RF devices into an envelope for mailing; and  
3           applying the ID label to the envelope.

1           5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2           incorporating each of the RF devices into a structure of a standard size.

1           6. The method of claim 5, wherein the step of incorporating comprises  
2 heat shrink wrapping each of the RF devices.

1           7. The method of claim 5, wherein the step of incorporating comprises  
2 affixing each RF device to a backboard of standard size.

1           8. The method of claim 1, wherein the standard size is the size of a  
2 standard financial presentation instrument.

1           9. The method of claim 8, wherein the presentation instrument is a credit  
2 card.

1           10. The method of claim 1, wherein the preparation for distribution is  
2 preparation for mailing to a recipient, wherein the RF device is packaged for mail delivery  
3 prior to providing an ID label, wherein the ID label is a mailing label with the name and  
4 address of the recipient, and wherein the mailing address is read after applied to the package.

1                   11.     The method of claim 10, wherein the mailing label further includes a  
2     bar code.

1                   12.     The method of claim 11, wherein a database is accessed in response to  
2     at least one of the steps of receiving the identification code from the RF device and reading the  
3     bar code on the mailing label, and wherein the correct address for delivery of the RF device is  
4     verified by comparing the information associated with the identification code with the  
5     information associated with the bar code.

1                   13.     The method of claim 1, wherein the compared information is account  
2     holder address information.

1                   14.     The method of claim 1, wherein the compared information is account  
2     holder name information.

1                   15.     A system for preparing an RF device for delivery to the holder of an  
2     account associated with the RF device, comprising:  
3                   a labeler for preparing a mailing label for use in delivering the RF device;  
4                   an RF reader for reading an identification code emitted by the RF device;  
5                   a label reader for reading mailing information from the mailing label; and  
6                   a processor for accessing a database in response to the operation of at least one  
7     of the RF reader and the label reader, for retrieving account holder information from the  
8     database, and for using the retrieved information to verify the mailing information from the  
9     mailing label.

1                   16.     The system of claim 15, further comprising a packager for packaging  
2     the RF device for delivery to the account holder, wherein the RF reader reads the  
3     identification code after the RF device is packaged.

1                   17.     The system of claim 15, wherein the labeler applies the mailing label  
2     to the package, and wherein the label reader reads mailing information from the mailing label  
3     after applied to the package.

1                   18.     The system of claim 15, wherein the identification code read from the  
2     RF device is used to retrieve mailing information from the database.

1                   19.     The system of claim 15, wherein the mailing information read from  
2 mailing label is used to retrieve RF device information from the database.

1                   20.     The system of claim 15, wherein the mailing information comprises  
2 the account holder name.

1                   21.     The system of claim 15, wherein the mailing information comprises  
2 the account holder address.

1                   22.     The system of claim 15, wherein the delivery of the RF device is  
2 through a postal service.

1                   23.     The system of claim 15, wherein the delivery of the RF device is  
2 through a courier service.

1                   24.     A system for verifying a mailing label used with an RF device,  
2 wherein the RF device emits an identification code and wherein stored mailing information  
3 intended for use in delivery of the RF device is associated with the identification code, the  
4 system comprising:

5                   an RF transceiver for receiving the identification code from the RF device; and  
6                   a label reader for reading mailing information from the mailing label, the label  
7 mailing information used for delivery of the RF device, whereby the label mailing  
8 information may be compared to the stored mailing information.

1                   25.     A system for verifying a mailing label used with an RF device,  
2 wherein the mailing label has mailing information thereon to be used for delivery of the RF  
3 device, wherein the RF device emits an identification code, and wherein the system has  
4 stored mailing information associated with the identification code and intended to be used for  
5 delivery of the RF device, the system comprising:

6                   means for reading the identification code from the RF device; and  
7                   means for reading mailing information from the mailing label, whereby the  
8 label mailing information may be compared to the stored mailing information.